implemented on cost-sharing basis and State Government of Chhattisgarh is also one of the parties.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The first phase of this railway line, i.e., Dallirajahara-Rowghat, is to be constructed entirely at the cost of M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL). M/s SAIL has not yet deposited the cost of this part-project with the Railways for want of necessary forestry clearance. As such, the work has not yet been taken up. No target date of completion for Dallirajahara-Rowghat-Jagdalpur new line project has been fixed.

Introduction of CNG engines in **local and suburban routes of Delhi and Mumbai**

2178. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost effective CNG engines are expected to be introduced on local and suburban routes in Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the trial runs have been conducted successfully by the Northern Railway; and

(d) how far it would prove cost effective and result in saving?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Trials are being conducted to run one Diesel Multiple Units (DMU) with Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) on Northern Railway. Its further proliferation depends on successful trials.

(d) Operating cost of Compressed Natural Gas based Diesel Multiple Units is expected to be 25% less than diesel based Diesel Multiple Units.

Wheel factory at Chhapra

2179. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have decided to use all its scrap for proposed Chhapra Wheel and Axle Factory:

(b) when this factory is likely to begin its operation;